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MACKEREL TRIP CAUSES MUCH TALK.

Many Wagers Made on Next Fare and Where It Will Be Landed.

The news of the first arrival out south with a fresh mackerel fare has set everybody talking mackerel and guesses are now in order as to who will be the next lucky craft to follow Capt. Solomon Jacobs and get in with a fare, either at Fortress Monroe or New York. Numerous wagers have been made as to when the first fare will be brought to the latter port.

The most general wager among fish men is to the effect that a trip will or will not reach New York by April 10, which is tomorrow.

The fish of sch. Elmer E. Gray, which were landed at Fortress Monroe yesterday morning, were immediately shipped by fast freight to Chesebro Bro., Fulton Market, New York, and were due to arrive there at 11 o'clock this forenoon. Early this morning the concern had put no price on them, and it seems to be the general idea that they may not be put on the market un-

til Monday morning. They are sure to bring a big price.

First Receipts in Previous Years.

The following table gives the number of fresh mackerel arrivals out south and their fares, for the past nine years up to April 8 of each year:

- 1909—No arrivals.
- 1908—Seventeen arrivals with 1906 barrels.
- 1907—Two arrivals with 70 barrels.
- 1906—Two arrivals with 40 barrels.
- 1905—One arrival with 36 barrels.
- 1904—Nine arrivals with 855 barrels.
- 1903—Eight arrivals with 296 barrels.
- 1902—Sixteen arrivals with 1551 barrels.

Will Fit Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr.

Capt. Jerry E. Cook will now fit sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., for mackerel seining.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date, of the catch of 1909 are 32,868 barrels, against 42,895 barrels to date last year, of the catch of 1908.

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BOSTON FISH PRICES IMPROVED

But Little Stock on Hand at Close of Week.

A little improvement is noted in prices at T wharf today. Shore haddock touched \$3 and shore cod sold right through for \$2.50. Some off-shore haddock were taken out at \$1 and some large off-shore cod brought \$2.10. Hake, pollock and cusk sold for \$1.25, but not many were bought.

There is not much fish at the dock this morning. Yesterday afternoon sch. Aspinet came in with 92,000 pounds of mixed fish and 5000 pounds of halibut, from the Cape Shore and three of the little shore boats had small catches.

This morning sch. Moanham with 80,000 pounds of cod and haddock is the only off shore trip in. This craft and sch. Aspinet will take part of their fares to Gloucester.

Beside these, there are four market boats in, mostly with small catches, schs. Margaret Dillon, with 35,000 pounds, having the only fare of note.

For the week ending Thursday, there were 120 arrivals at Boston, with 3,146,400 pounds of fresh fish against 177 arrivals with 2,725,300 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

- Sch. Ignatius Enos, 3500 cod.
- Sch. Laura Enos, 5000 cod.
- Sch. Valentinna, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake, 5000 cusk, 500 pollock.
- Sch. Moanham, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
- Sch. Margaret Dillon, 17,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.
- Sch. Maxwell, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Isabel, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Eva Avina, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Aspinet, 22,000 haddock, 37,000 cod, 13,000 hake, 13,000 cusk, 2000 pollock, 5000 halibut.
- Off-shore haddock, \$1 per cwt.; off shore large cod, \$2.10; shore haddock, \$3; shore cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; halibut, 10 cts. per lb.

Inspected New Freezer.

The new freezer for the fish trade, which has been completed at 2 New street, East Boston, was opened for inspection yesterday. It is owned by a company of which John Burns, Jr., is president and Frank R. Neal is secretary, and the board of directors is made up of business men on T wharf. The freezer has a capacity of 5,000,000 pounds, and will begin operations at once.

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SHACK TRIPS WILL GO TO SPLITTERS

Two Large Fares at This Port This Morning.

Two big shack fares is the feature of the fishing arrivals here today, sch. Thalia coming down from Boston with 90,000 pounds of cod and haddock and sch. Esperanto, Capt. Frank Enslo, came in this morning with a fine fare of 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly codfish. Both trips will go to the splitters.

Yesterday afternoon steamer Quoddy came in with 10,000 fresh fish and steamer Nomad had 7000 pounds.

The arrival of Capt. Solomon Jacobs at Fortress Monroe yesterday with the first fare of fresh mackerel has set everybody talking mackerel and from now on mackerel will be the feature and shack will be lost to sight. The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Thalia, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Esperanto, Brown's Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Quoddy, shore, 10,500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Nomad, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- From Essex, yesterday, 8 bbls. alewives.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Harriet, haddocking.
- Sch. Eglantine, drifting.
- Sch. Corsair, drifting.
- Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, haddocking.
- Sch. Mildred Robinson, Cape North shacking.
- Sch. Nellie Dixon, south seining.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Actor, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.
- Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, shore.
- Sch. Manomet, shore.
- Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.
- Steamer Nomad, shore.
- Steamer Quoddy, shore.
- Sch. Claudia, halibuting.
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.
- Sch. Norma, dory handling.
- Sch. Madonna, dory handling.
- Sch. Lafayette, south mackerel netting.

Today's Fish Market.

- Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.
- Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
- Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
- Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
- Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
- Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

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Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.50; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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A FRIDAY FISH AUCTION.

How the Catches of the New Orleans Men Are Disposed Of.

In the French fish market of New Orleans a unique method is employed in the disposal of fish at wholesale. The catches of the fishermen are auctioned off to the highest bidder, and it is an interesting sight to see early on Friday mornings the groups of fishermen, each with many varieties of fish, all bunched together in "hands" and the same auctioned off. The entire lot is sold at one time, the price depending on the scarcity of the supply. This is probably the only market in the country where this method prevails. Speckled trout sometimes bring as high as \$6 and \$7 per hand of five bunches. Red fish at \$3 to \$4 per hand, and other fish in proportion.

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First Netter Sails.

The first craft of the southern mackerel netting fleet sch. Lafayette, Capt. George Peeples, sailed today.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Meteor and Lottie G. Merchant were at Liverpool, N. S., on Wednesday and cleared.

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Halibut Sale.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, stocked \$1900 on her recent short halibut trip. The fare was sold to the New England Fish Company at 7 cents per pound for white and 5 cents for gray.

Sch. Colonial Spoken.

Capt. Christopher Gibbs of sch. John Hays Hammond reports speaking sch. Colonial on Quere bank recently.

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ITALIAN LOBSTER CATCHERS.

Said to be Preparing to Supply New York Market With "Shorts."

A party of Italians from New York have camped on Green island, five miles from Harpswell in Cumberland county, Maine, and it is their intention to catch lobsters and send them to the New York market. Already they have put out 300 traps and are planning to set many more. This action has caused much indignation among the local Maine lobster fishers, and they have communicated with Commissioner Donahue in relation to the matter, as they believe these intruders intend to catch short lobsters and send them out of the state. Commissioner Donahue said yesterday:

"The lobster catchers at Harpswell and other places along the coast have asked me to appoint three of their number wardens, and say that the men selected will serve the state without pay. These men belong to the Lobster Catchers' Union and they are greatly interested in protecting the lobster. On account of the work already done there has been an increase in lobsters and there are thousands of young ones. The local men are indignant that these men from away should come here as they believe to engage in a business which the state law says is illegal. The union men are doing the state a great service in acting as wardens without pay, for, if we had to give salaries they could not be hired as there is not sufficient appropriation for this purpose. I trust the intruders will so conduct themselves that there will be no clash between them and the local fishermen."

Commissioner Donahue left Rockland Thursday morning in the government boat, the Sheldrake, for a week's cruise to the westward in the interests of the lobstermen and to prepare to begin the season's work in planting lobsters.

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Large Pacific Halibut Catches.

The New England Fish Company's steamer Kingfisher arrived at the company's new plant at Ketchikan, Alaska, March 23, with 150,000 pounds of fresh halibut and the steamer Manhattan, another of the company's fleet, arrived there the same day with a fare of 180,000 pounds. The steamer New England was expected in a few days with 125,000 pounds. This is "some halibut."

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ONE FACTORY ESTABLISHED.

Portland Wants to Displace Eastport as Sardine Center.

South Portland is looking forward to the possibility of displacing Eastport as the leading sardine canning port of the world. Rumors that several large canning plants will be erected there in the near future have set the old water fronters talking.

The first real move toward making South Portland a rival of Eastport has been started as one large factory has been built and within a few weeks will open up for business with 150 employees. The fishermen of Casco Bay evidently believe that more sardine factories will be built along the South Portland shore as herring weirs are being built all over the bay.

Sch. Maud S. was lying at Central wharf Friday taking on a cargo of 600 barrels of salt herring in addition to about 60,000 pounds of frozen herring. Capt. W. H. Holmes, the master of the schooner, is also the owner of the cargo, and is taking it to Eastport. From there the schooner will proceed to the Magdalene islands to bring up a cargo of frozen herring.

PROVINCETOWN FISH NOTES.

Traps Have Made Good Hauls of Herring During Last Week.

The Times wants a Provincetown correspondent, one who can send news daily particularly regarding the fishing industry, the arrivals, baitings, sailings, fares, bait catches and general fish news. The Times would like to hear from some gentleman, acquainted with vessels, fishing and bait doings. Address F. E. Smith, managing editor, Daily Times, Gloucester, Mass.

Big hauls of herring have been made by the traps the past week or two and the vessels get a good supply of bait. Large lots have also been sent to T wharf, where they met with a ready sale. The Consolidated Cold Storage has been taking in the fish, the other two storages not showing a disposition to freeze down any at time of writing.

Last week the following crew-shares were made: sch. Jessie Costa's crew shared \$13; sch. Matchless \$16; sch. Mary C. Santos \$20.

Most of the fleet of fishermen have returned from Hyannis to get ready for mackerel netting. Sloops Dart and Reliance remain at Hyannis. Fish are plentiful but prices are low.

Capt. Joseph Manta was in New York this week, superintending the shipment of clam bait for the Portuguese Grand Bank fleet of Portugal.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fish Notes.

Sch. Beatrice S. Mack sailed Wednesday morning for the banks, via Halifax. When off Cross Island she struck on The Hounds, carrying away her rudder and about 10 feet of keel. A dory was launched and two men rowed to Lunenburg with the news of the mishap. The steamer Mascotte, Capt. Nass, was sent out and the schooner towed back to port. She went on the slip, where she is now being repaired.

The new sch. Uda A. Sanders, recently launched from Smith & Rhuland's yard, is claimed by shipmasters to be the finest of her class in Canadian waters, in point of build, etc. She has very fine lines and is of the Lipton model. She measures 121 feet over all and is of about 95 tons. All her appurtenances are of the latest. The vessel is owned by Zwicker & Company, Limited, and the Corkum Brothers. Capt. Scott Corkum, one of the high-line skippers, will be in command. When ready for sea the Uda A. Sanders will have cost the tidy sum of \$13,600. She is now fitting for the banks.

Sch. Carrie L. Hirtle is taking in stores, preparatory to a trip to the banks.

Proposed Fish Canning Plant at Newburyport Abandoned.

The men who were at Newburyport Friday looking over local conditions with a view of establishing a canning industry found that it would be impossible for them to secure such a supply of small herring as they would require in their business and that it would therefore be inexpedient to locate a plant here. They found that the herring that visit this section of the coast are too large and that they do not strike a sufficiently early.

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FRESH FISH NOT OVER-PLENTIFUL

But T Wharf Prices Rule Generally Low.

Boston is not over burdned with fish this morning and still there seems to be but little life to the market and only a flash here and there of anything like a fair price. Shore haddock brought from \$2 to \$2.85 and some shore large hake sold between \$2 and \$2 and \$3.50.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunskey, out only 23 days, has a fine fare of 30,000 pounds of new halibut for the dealers there this morning. Small lots of halibut sold at eight cents per pound so the chances are the craft will not be fortunate enough to strike a very good market.

Schs. Evelyn L. Thompson, Ida S. Brooks, Flora S. Nickerson and Joseph P. Johnson are the off shore crafts in and have between 66,000 and 70,000 pounds each of fresh fish and each vessel also has a few halibut, all the way from 700 to 2500 pounds each.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, which has been out only a few days, shore fishing, is credited with one of the largest shore trips of the season, 57,000 pounds, mostly haddock.

Sch. Flavilla of the shore fleet has 50,000 pounds, most of which are hake and cusk and it looks as though she had been fishing off shore, down east. The other shore fares run from 500 to 22,000 pounds.

Off shore haddock sold for \$1.25 and a few large cod went for \$2, some market cod selling for \$1.50. Shore large cod brought \$2.00 and \$1.60 for shore market cod. Some few pollock brought \$2, with cusk at \$1.75.

The receipts and prices in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Teazer, 4000 cod, 1000 cusk, 2000 salt cod, 28,000 halibut.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 14,000 haddock, 52,000 cod, 2500 halibut.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 40,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 2500 halibut.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 50,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 40,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk, 700 halibut.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 10,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 1500 haddock, 4500 cod.

Sch. Minerva, 500 haddock.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 45,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 3400 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 1000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 3000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod, 30,000 hake, 15,000 cusk.

Sch. Athena, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Off shore haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$2 to \$2.85; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.60; pollock, \$2; hake, \$2 to \$3.50; cusk, \$1.75.

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GOING TO GASOLINE.

Pacific Coast Fisherman Turning to This Type of Motive Power.

The rapidity with which the fishing industry of the Pacific coast is adopting gasoline engines in every branch is little short of marvelous and marks it as the greatest field for the sale of "lickers" and the building of boats in the United States at the present time. Thousands of gasoline boats are already in use and have been for several years among the purse seiners, but the success of this type of fisherman during the past year has caused a boom in the building of new boats. The past year has also seen a turn from the old steam cannery tugs and tenders to newer and more improved types of gasoline boats. The large boats have also turned to gasoline, such as halibut schooners, cannery ships, fish carriers, etc.

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Returned from Port Clyde, Me.

Schs. Fannie E. Prescott and Slade Gorton have returned from Port Clyde, Me., where they took out their fares of fresh fish.

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NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING

For Removal of T Wharf Fish Business to South Boston.

The T wharf fish dealers were much interested Saturday in the recent published account of the progress of the negotiations for the new fish wharf on the Commonwealth flats at South Boston.

"The proposed move will do wonders for the fish business and for Boston," said John Burns, Jr., a director of the T Wharf Corporation. "It will give us all a chance to enlarge our business and carry it on in a more sanitary way. The new location ought also to give a chance to increase the salt fish business here. This at present is largely carried on in Gloucester.

"What will be done with T wharf? The lessors are not worrying about that. The present lease does not run out till April 1, 1914. We have a valuable property here, but no plans have as yet been made for the utilization of it."

It seems to be the general opinion among the fish men that it will take at least until the expiration of the T wharf lease to get a new pier and stores in readiness for use.

"I think the statement of the situation is correct," said E. E. Prior, manager of the P. H. Prior Company. "Our firm has agreed to go with the rest, and we hope the plan will go through."

A. C. Burnham of Blodgett, Jones & Burnham, attorneys for the T wharf petitioners, speaking of the South Boston plans said:

"Because of the fact that the New Haven road has been expecting some time to use some of the land back of the Commonwealth pier for side tracks we have worked out a small change in our plans to submit to the harbor and land commission and the governor. We had at first expected to use this ground for buildings and an approach to the new pier, but now F. L. Olmstead has drawn plans for the temporary use of D street as a means of approach, and later for the railroad tracks at an elevation. As Summer street is raised at this point, this would be easy. Then an incline could lead down to the street at the back of the pier. This plan is now under consideration.

"I think there will still be land enough for the construction back of the pier of the necessary buildings to house the equipment and fishermen's supply houses."

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SEVERAL SMALL POLLOCK FARES.

Two Vessels at This Port From Boston For Splitters.

Quite a number of small fares, mostly pollock, have arrived at this port since last report. Two vessels brought parts of trips down from Boston to split, but about all the rest were the product of the work of the pollock seiners off here and in Ipswich bay.

Sch. Moanah had 50,000 pounds and sch. Aspinet, 35,000 pounds, both mixed fish from Boston Saturday afternoon. Steamer Bessie M. Dugan came in with 12,000 pounds of pollock and steamer Bryda F. had 30,000 pounds of the same kind of fish, the little sch. Little Fannie also having a load of pollock about the same size as that of the Bryda F. The steamer Philomena brought in 18,000 pounds of pollock and the steam netter Quoddy had 9500 pounds of fresh fish, while her consort, the Nomad hailed for 6000 pounds.

Yesterday it blowed hard and knocked the pollock fleet out of a good day's work. As it was a few got small hauls, steamer Joppalte coming in with 8000 pounds, steamer Nomad with 3000 pounds and steamer Bessie M. Dugan with 5000 pounds.

SECOND MACKEREL FARE LANDED AT FORTRESS MONROE

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Cameron,
Shipped Seven Barrels to New York.

Fare of Sch. Elmer E. Gray Brought From 75 to 90 Cents Each.

The second mackerel fare of the season has arrived. It reached Fortress Monroe, Va., yesterday and the lucky craft was the gasoline auxiliary sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, of this port. The vessel had seven barrels of large fresh mackerel, which were shipped immediately to New York. Capt. Cameron reports getting the haul in latitude 37, in 60 fathoms of water. He saw some large schools, but they were very wild.

The fare of sch. Mary E. Harty was taken in practically the same latitude as that of sch. Elmer E. Gray, the latter being caught in 36.55, but while the latter were found in 26 fathoms of water Capt. Cameron struck his school way off shore in 60 fathoms.

The fall-off is figured out that way roughly at about one fathom to the mile, so that while Capt. Jacobs found fish 26 miles off shore, Capt. Cameron also found them 60 miles off, way on the inside edge of the Gulf Stream. In regard to the catch of Capt. Cameron, it will be remembered that on April 1, in 40 fathoms of water, Capt. McInnis of sch. Aloha came across several wild schools, so it would seem that the head of the body of fish is along in 37 north latitude and extending quite a distance across, and that they are wilder the farther they are found off shore.

Old fishermen here who have followed the mackerel game out south for many years say that when these schools are found out in deep water, around 60 fathoms, and toward the edge of the Gulf Stream, it is almost impossible to catch them and that they will dive the twine every time.

Fare of Sch. Elmer E. Gray Brought High Prices.

The shipment of mackerel of sch. Elmer E. Gray, the first trip of the season, from Fortress Monroe, reached New York, consigned to Chesebro Brothers, Fulton Market, Saturday afternoon, and immediately went on sale. There were just 1245 fish in the lot and they came through in fine condition and brought the highest price yet recorded for a fare lot of fresh mackerel, the fish bringing from 75 to 90 cents apiece. Only a few of the fish will come to Boston. At these figures Capt. Jacobs and his crew will be well paid for running to market with their fare.

FIRST MACKEREL FARES.

Record of Early Trips for the Past Forty Years.

Offer in the early mackerel season is the question of the earliest fares discussed, or who landed the first fare in a certain year and also on what dates were certain first fares landed. The Times has prepared the following, giving the date of landing, the port of arrival and the name of the vessel bringing in the first fare of mackerel for each season for the past 40 years, which will no doubt be of interest at this time as well as being valuable to cut out and file away for reference.

1871—May 2, at New York, sch. Mary Louisa, Capt. Hamilton, and sch. Sarah C. Pyle, Capt. Warner, the former with 37,000 fresh mackerel in count.

1872—April 31, New York schs. Goldsmith Maid and Leonard McKenzie.

1873—May 1, at New York, a Chatham schooner, name unknown, 25,000 fresh mackerel. Price reported 20 cents each.

1874—May 4, at New York, sch. J. J. Clark, 80 barrels, sch. Belle of the Bay, 60 barrels, sch. Zephyr, 60 barrels; all large, selling at 20 cents each.

1875—April 30, at New York, sch. Cora E. Smith, Capt. Smith, 7000 fresh mackerel.

1876—April 25, at Philadelphia, sch. Mary Odel, Capt. G. M. McClain, \$1500 worth of fresh mackerel.

1877—April 25, at New York, sch. Seth Stockbridge, Capt. John Anderson, 35,000 fresh mackerel.

1878—April 5, at Lewes, Delaware, sch. Lillian, of Noank, Conn., 10 barrels

of mixed mackerel. Price 20, 15 and 10 cents each.

1879—April 14, at New York, sch. Sarah M. Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 120 barrels and sch. Ellen M. Adams, Capt. Melonson, 100 barrels. Fish sold for 12 cents each.

1880—April 3, at Norfolk, Virginia, sch. Ellen M. Adams, Capt. Melonson, 53 barrels fresh mackerel; at New York, April 4, sch. Edward E. Webster, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 21,700 fresh mackerel in count, stocking \$1600.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs Made Record Date in 1881.

1881—March 23, at New York, sch. Edward E. Webster, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 140 barrels fresh mackerel, stocking \$3000. Earliest fare on record.

1882—April 1, at New York, sch. Nellie N. Rowe, Capt. Eben Lewis, 140 barrels fresh mackerel, fish selling at 12 cents each.

1883—March 31, at New York, sch. Nellie N. Rowe, Capt. Eben Lewis, 150 barrels fresh mackerel, fish bringing 10 cents each.

1884—March 24, at New York, sch. Nellie N. Rowe, Capt. Eben Lewis, 40,000 fresh small mackerel in count, sold at \$4.50 per hundred fish.

1885—March 28, at New York, sch. Emma W. Brown, Capt. John W. McFarland, 50,000 small fresh mackerel. The Brown came in two hours ahead of sch. Nellie N. Rowe, Capt. Eben Lewis, which also had 50,000 small fresh mackerel.

1886—April 12, at Philadelphia, sch. Alice C. Jordan, 7000 fresh mackerel in count. The same day, only two and one-half hours later, sch. Ellen M. Adams, Capt. Paris, arrived at New York with 150 barrels of fair sized mackerel, selling at 10 cents each.

1887—April 22, at New York, sch. Caroline Vought, of Boothbay Harbor, 5000 small fresh mackerel, selling at 6 cents each.

First Receipts Under Five Years of Closed Season.

1888—June 6, at New York, sch. Jennie B. Thomas of Swampscott, Capt. Thomas, 40 barrels of fresh mackerel. This was the first year's fishing under the new national law prohibiting American vessels taking mackerel with seines between March 1 and June 1.

1889—Swampscott trap landed a few May 29; Douglass trap at this port had a few May 30; netters at Bay View had a few May 30; boat Rambler, Capt. Sargent, from Ipswich bay netting, brought in 140 fish here June 1; a small catch was landed at Boston June 14; sch. Edith Rowe landed 4 barrels at this port June 16, sch. F. A. Smith of North Haven, Me., landed 21 barrels here June 18.

1890—June 2, at Boston, netter Black Hawk, 270 fresh mackerel, sold at 15 cents each. At this port June 6, sch. Geneva Mertis, Capt. Alex McCloud had 160 barrels. The Salt Island trap took 46 mackerel June 1 and Tarr's trap at Magnolia took 1046 mackerel June 2.

1891—June 4, at this port, netter Helen Tre with 40 fresh mackerel, and netter Black Hawk, 80 fresh mackerel, selling at 12 cents for large and 5 cents for mediums; British sch. Dessie M. 100 barrels, at Halifax, May 31, sch. Minerva, Capt. Frank Foster, 126 barrels at this port June 11.

1892—June 4, at this port, netter Venus, 150 fresh mackerel; June 6, at this port, sch. Minerva, Capt. Frank Foster, 20 barrels salt mackerel, from off Block Island. Law prohibiting seining before June 1 ended this year.

1893—April 6, at New York, sch. Joseph Rowe, Capt. Reuben Cameron, 40 barrels small mackerel, fish selling at 2 cents each.

1894—April 19, at Lewes, Delaware breakwater, sch. Joseph Rowe, Capt. Reuben Cameron, 8000 small fresh mackerel, sch. Fredonia, a few hours later, at Philadelphia, 40 barrels small mackerel. At New York, same date, sch. Kearsarge, Capt. John C. Mills, 50 barrels small mackerel.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs' Remarkable Record for 10 Seasons.

1895—April 17, at New York, sch. Ethel B. Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 8000 fresh mackerel, sold at 20 and 25 cents each.

1896—April 10, at New York, sch. Kearsarge, Capt. John C. Mills, 1700 large fresh mackerel, sold at 45 cents each.

1897—March 29, at New York, sch. Ethel B. Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 100 barrels large fresh mackerel.

1898—March 29, at New York, sch. Ethel B. Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 100 barrels large fresh mackerel; fish sold at 30 cents each.

1899—April 28, at Lewes, Delaware Breakwater, netters Ida S. Miller, Capt. John McKinnon and Storm King, Capt. Daniel Cogill, small lots of fresh mackerel.

1900—April 17, at Lewes, Delaware Breakwater, netter Ida S. Miller, Capt. John McKinnon, small fare of fresh mackerel. At New York, April 19, sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt.

Charles H. Harty, 10,000 fresh mackerel.

1901—April 8, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, sch. Helen Miller Gould, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 35 barrels large fresh mackerel. At New York, April 11, sch. Monarch, Capt. Rufus McKay, 115 barrels fresh medium mackerel.

1902—April 9, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, 10 barrels fresh mackerel. At New York, April 11, sch. Navahoe, Capt. Martin L. Welch, 150 barrels fresh mackerel.

1903—April 12, at New York, sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Benjamin Spurling, 100 barrels fresh mackerel.

1904—April 7, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, sch. Victor, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 29 barrels fresh mackerel.

1905—April 11, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, sch. Veda M. McKown, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 34 barrels large fresh mackerel.

1906—March 31, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 3000 fresh medium mackerel, sold at 20 cents each.

1907—March 25, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 3500 fresh medium mackerel.

1908—March 30, at Fortress Monroe, sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 13 barrels fresh medium mackerel.

1909—April 16, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissett, 14 barrels fresh medium mackerel.

1910—April 8, at Fortress Monroe, sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 1245 large fresh mackerel, sold at from 75 to 90 cents each, highest trip price on record.

April 11.

Early this morning there were no arrivals.
The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.
Sch. Aspinet, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Moanum, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining, 12,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bryda F., pollock seining, 30,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Little Fannie, pollock seining, 30,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 9500 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Philomena, pollock seining, 18,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Slade Gorton, via Port Clyde, Me.
Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, shore.
Steamer Joppaite, pollock seining, 20,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Port Clyde, Me.
Steamer Nomad, shore, Sunday, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining, Sunday, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Matiana, shore.

Vessels Sailed.
Sch. Priscilla Smith, dory handling.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, Boston.
Sch. Thalia, haddocking.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Catherin D. Enos, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, shore.
Sch. Reliance, pollock seining.
Sch. Little Fannie, pollock seining.
Steamer Bryda F., pollock seining.
Steamer Joppaite, pollock seining.
Steamer Mystery, pollock seining.
Steamer Jeffery, pollock seining.
Steamer Water Witch, pollock seining.
Steamer Philomena, pollock seining.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining.
Steamer Nomad, netting.
Steamer Quoddy, netting.
Sch. William H. Moody, Georges.
Sch. Volant, drifting.

Today's Fish Market.
Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.
Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

Fishing Fleet Movements.
Schs. Gladiator and Arkona were at Shelburne, N. S., Thursday and cleared.

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Halibut Sales.
The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Mystery sold to the American Halibut Company at 67-8 cents per pound for white and gray.
The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Teazer, at Boston yesterday sold at 61-2 cents per pound right through for white and gray.

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Haddock Trip Stock and Share.
Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked \$1552 on her recent short haddock trip, the crew sharing \$31.37 clear.

Fishing Fleet Movements.
Capt. John Williams has fitted sch. Eugenia for Georges drifting.
Capt. William Goodwin will fit sch. Nina Swim for Rips fishing.

Salt Shipment.
Steamer Loyal Briton, with a cargo of salt consigned to Fred Bradley at this port, sailed from Iviza, Spain, last Friday.

Fishermen Spoken.
Capt. Donald McCoish of sch. Mystery reports speaking schs. Senator and Niagara on St. Peter's bank recently.

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RECORD STOCK FOR SIZE OF FARE

Fresh Mackerel Landed by Sch. Elmer E. Gray Sold For \$970.

Price Per Fish Highest Ever Paid For Fare Lot.

The fare of fresh mackerel of sch. Elmer E. Gray, which was shipped from Fortress Monroe, Va., last Friday to New York, counted out 1257 fish, and on these the stock of \$970 was made. This is without doubt the biggest stock ever made in the history of the mackerel fishery on the same number of fish, the price being the highest ever heard of for a fare lot.

One-fifth of the lot sold at 90 cents each, another fifth at 80 cents each and with the exception of 32 small and bursted fish, which went for 40 cents each, (a fancy price itself anytime for the largest kind of fresh mackerel), the rest of the fare sold at 75 cents each.

It will be a long time probably before this amount of money for such a small amount of mackerel will again be realized.

Fresh Mackerel in Boston Markets.

The Boston market had its first fresh mackerel of the season yesterday. They are part of the catch which Capt. Solomon Jacobs landed at Fortress Monroe last Friday. The fish are on sale in the Faneuil Hall market, but on account of the high price, are going slow. When the Bos-

ton dealers learned the price the New Yorkers put on the mackerel last Saturday some of those who had engaged the fish from the commission men canceled their order. Yesterday they bought their mackerel 15 cents apiece cheaper than was asked Saturday. There were between 150 and 200 of the mackerel sold at Boston through the commission men; and one of the firms in the big market bought direct from New York. The fish looked handsome on the stands and apparently were about two pounds each in weight.

Additions to Mackerel Seining Fleet.

Capt. Herbert Publicover will now fit sch. Squanto for south mackerel seining.

Capt. George E. Heckman will now fit sch. Slade Gorton for south seining.

Capt. Thomas Downey will fit sch. Fannie E. Prescott for south mackerel seining.

Mackerel Netting Fleet.

The mackerel netter Lafayette, which sailed south Saturday and returned on account of some trouble with her engine, will sail again today. Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, Capt. Joseph Sampson, of the south mackerel netting fleet, will sail tomorrow.

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LOOKING AFTER ALASKAN FISH.

Governor of Territory Wants More Attention Paid to Possibilities.

The need of an examination of Alaska with special reference to halibut and cod fisheries, as urged in a recent issue of The Pacific Fisherman, has been called to the attention of the secretary of commerce and labor by Gov. Clark. The president also has been asked by the governor to further such an examination, so that the so-called fresh fish industry, as distinguished from the salmon canning industry, may be developed on a larger scale. During his travels in Southeastern Alaska this winter the governor has been impressed, he says, with the fact that the fisheries form one of the three or four greatest resources of the territory, and that while it is necessary to conserve these resources by proper rules and regulations, the government should provide such information and assistance as will permit much larger development.

In his letter to the secretary of commerce and labor, the governor says: "In the last few years the halibut and cod fisheries have experienced a large growth, and the fresh fish industry, as distinguished from the canned fish and salted fish industries, has become highly important to the people of Alaska and of the states. I have recently returned from a visit among the Southeastern Alaska towns, where I heard the views of many persons on the subject of encouraging the halibut, king salmon and cod fisheries by appropriate government action. It is represented to me that some of the halibut fishing banks are seemingly becoming depleted. I believe that the apparent depletion of the supply of halibut in certain localities might be compensated for by a study of the habits of these valuable food fishes, which would probably lead to the discovery of new banks."

The governor urges that the steamer Albatross be ordered to Alaska waters this year to investigate the fishing grounds and the migrations of the halibut and other food fishes.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Spanish mackerel have been taken in large quantities of late at Biloxi, Miss. This year their arrival has been very early, as usually none are caught before the middle of May at Biloxi.

A catfish taken at Seaford, Del., last week, contained a pocket handkerchief, corkscrew and a marble.

Hon. W. C. Job of St. John's, N. F., is reviving the question of the standardizing of fish, in the same manner as wheat, flour, pork and other food-stuffs are graded in other countries. He suggests government inspection and favors branding.

There is more fish of every variety consumed in Central Canada than ever before, and the demand is steadily increasing for sea food.

The largest codfish ever taken off the Long island coast was captured off Wainscott on Tuesday by one of Strong & Hand's fishing crews. The fish was five feet in length and weighed 75 pounds.

Word has been received at Vancouver, B. C., that G. Dryburgh, a fisherman on the New England Fish Company's vessel Kingfisher, had been drowned. The vessels of the halibut fleet have had a terrible winter on the grounds, bad weather buffeting them trip after trip.

Four fishing boats with a combined crew of 32 were lost recently in a storm along the Portuguese coast.

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CLAMMERS ASK PROTECTION.

Newburyport Men Claim Shoe Shop Operatives Undersell Them.

The men engaged in the clamming industry in the lower part of Newburyport feel as though they should be protected, and have asked for a conference with the mayor and board of aldermen.

In the summer time when work is dull in the shoe shops, it has been the custom for a great many who are not citizens of the city to engage in clamming, damaging the flats and underselling the men who dig clams for a living the entire year. They feel as though they should be protected from this evil and Mayor Burke and the board of aldermen have consented to meet the men of ward one some evening this week and will give the matter their earnest consideration.